

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:  CARNEY ET AL.  Serial No.: Continuation of 09/796,750  Filed: December 9, 2003  For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POSITIONAL CALIBRATION OF A THERMAL ANALYSIS INSTRUMENT	   Art Unit: 2863  Examiner: D. Pretlow
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** begin on page 10 of this paper and include 68 sheets of formal drawings.

**Remarks:** begin on page 11 of this paper.